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## **GO Virginia Region 9 Releases Request for Letters of Interest to Develop a Regional Entrepreneurship Plan**

*Plan expected to drive future entrepreneurship ecosystem investments*

Charlottesville, Virginia – The Region 9 Council is soliciting Letters of Interest from organizations interested in developing a regional entrepreneurship plan. The Request for Letters of Interest is posted on the Region 9 Council website at [www.GOVirginia9.org/apply/](http://www.GOVirginia9.org/apply/). The deadline is March 21, 2023.

The Region 9 Council will review Letters of Interest and if an organization is selected, they will be invited to complete a full grant proposal to be submitted to the GO Virginia Board. The grantee, with the oversight of the Region 9 Council, would use funds to develop a regional entrepreneurial ecosystem strategy report, including a three to five year action plan. The region's entrepreneurial ecosystem and entrepreneurship support organizations (ESOs) should be engaged in this process. The selected organization(s) would also coordinate with ESOs in the region and the Region 9 Council to develop future Region 9 grant proposals that will advance the newly identified strategies and opportunities.

The grant proposal may request no more than \$300,000 and activities must be completed within two years or less. A 2:1 match of non-state funds is required. The report development phase of the grant must be completed within the first 9-12 months of funding or earlier.

For more details, review the posting at [www.GOVirginia9.org/apply/](http://www.GOVirginia9.org/apply/). Those considering this opportunity are encouraged to reach out to Shannon Holland, Director, GO Virginia Region 9 at [sholland@centralvirginia.org](mailto:sholland@centralvirginia.org) or 434-979-5610 ext. 103.

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*workforce development activities. The objective of the GO Virginia program is to foster private sector growth and job creation through state incentives for regional collaboration between business, education, and local government.*

*Region 9 includes the City of Charlottesville and the Counties of Albemarle, Culpeper, Fauquier, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, Orange, and Rappahannock. To learn more about GO Virginia Region 9, visit [www.GOVirginia9.org](http://www.GOVirginia9.org)*

*The Central Virginia Partnership for Economic Development serves as Region 9's fiscal and administrative support organization. To learn more about the Central Virginia Partnership, visit [www.centralvirginia.org](http://www.centralvirginia.org)*